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SUBJ: ROK GOODWILL MISSION TO NORWAY

REF: (A) SEOUL 3752 (B) COPENHAGEN 1688

BEGIN SUMMARY. KOREAN DELEGATION LED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER PAEK SPENT THREE UNPRODUCTIVE DAYS IN NORWAY (JUNE 19-21). FOREIGN MINISTRY EXTENDED APPROPRIATE COURTESIES ALTHOUGH WE WERE INFORMED PRIVATELY THAT DELEGATION'S IMPACT HERE WAS DECIDEDLY NEGATIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. DELEGATION ARRIVED OSLO AFTERNOON OF JUNE 19 AND MET JUNE 20 WITH SECOND ECHELON FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SECRETARY GENERAL GJELLUM. AT THIS SESSION, PAEK GAVE DETAILED OUTLINE OF KOREAN HISTORY, BEGINNING "WELL BEFORE WORLD WAR II" AND FINALLY REACHING ABOUT 1961. HE LEFT IMPRESSION HE NEITHER INFORMED ABOUT NOR INTERESTED IN EVENTS SINCE HE DEPARTED PRIME MINISTERSHIP. ACCORDING  
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TO OUR SOURCES AT MINISTRY, PAEK'S PRESENTATION WAS EXTREMELY

ONE-SIDED AND UNIMAGINATIVE. HE OFFERED "PESSIMISTIC" VIEW ON PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER TALKS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, OPPOSED RAISING KOREAN ISSUE AT 29TH UNGA AND RECOMMENDED A POLICY OF TOTAL ISOLATION TOWARD NORTH KOREA. PAEK'S CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI AND FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND JUNE 21 WERE PERFUNCTORY, NON-SUBSTANTIVE CARBON COPIES OF PREVIOUS DAY'S DISAPPOINTING PERFORMANCE. A REQUEST FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH KING OLAV V WAS NOT GRANTED.

2. AT RECEPTION GIVEN BY ROK AMBASSADOR NAM EVENING OF JUNE 20, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF PROGRAM (DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS EDWARDSSEN) TOLD AMBASSADOR SO FAR AS MINISTRY COULD DETERMINE TRIP WAS SIMPLY A JUNKET. PAEK HIMSELF TOLD US HIS PURPOSE WAS TO COUNTER PYONGYANG'S POLICIES OF SPREADING LIES ABOUT SEOUL AND DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM SEOUL'S EFFORTS TO RENEW NEGOTIATIONS BY PROPOSING NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. HE ALSO ARGUED THAT PYONGYANG IS IN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. UNFORTUNATELY, PAEK'S UNSOPHISTICATED PRESENTATION AND POOR KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH MAKE HIM A MOST UNCONVINCING SPOKESMAN FOR ROK IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER HAM WHO VISITED NORWAY LAST SUMMER. NORWEGIAN-SOUTH KOREAN RELATIONS HAVE BEEN ILL-SERVED BY THIS VISIT.  
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